

UNIVERSITY EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date of Meeting: April 8, 2019

Meeting called to order by: Zastrow called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Members Present: Herbst, Kelly, Roberts and Zastrow were present.

Members Absent: Kannard

County/Extension Staff Present: Chrissy Wen, Area Director; LaVern Georgson, Agriculture Educator; Kara Loyd, 4-H Program Coordinator; and Kim Buchholz, Administrative Assistant

Others Present: None

Certification of Open Meetings Law: The agenda has been duly posted and the door is open.

Public Comment: None

Roll Call (establish a quorum): Quorum present

Approval of Agenda for Possible Rearrangement: Agenda approved as printed.

Approval of March 11, 2019 Meeting Minutes:

Motion by Roberts, seconded by Herbst, to approve the March 11, 2019 meeting minutes. Unanimously approved.

Communications: None

Review of 2019 Departmental Budget:

Wen reported budget is on track. Noted that the first invoice for Extension Staff has been received and will be processed for payment.

Update on Jefferson County Farm Technology Days (July 2019):

Georgson reported that as of next Monday we are about 100 days out from the event. Jefferson County will be featuring more extensive field demonstrations since a farm tour will not be offered. The host farm is a grain farm. The field demonstrations will included: winter wheat harvesting, baling straw, tillage demonstrations, tiling – a big part of what the Walter Family does and vintage plowing.

There will also be a draft horse demonstration; which, ties in with the show slogan– Generations of Farm Pride. Georgson has been attending a lot of meetings to facilitate coordination.

A question was asked about the food tents. Georgson explained that there is a standard food menu; all tents have the same menu. All the organizations will share equitably with the food profits. There are 5 standard food tents and 1 specialty food tent. The specialty food tent will feature: Pine Cone Cream Puff, Emil's Pizza and Mullen's ice cream. There will also be tents that are specific for dessert or beverage. The show will have extended hours on Wednesday evening where Tyranaena Brewery will be highlighted as a special event. People can purchase a wrist band and do a taste testing. In addition, equine will have some extra activities and the Manitowoc Minute individual will hopefully be secured.

Jefferson County is also hosting a reception for past host counties on Wednesday afternoon as well as organizing bus tours.

Tuesday is ag career day. Farm Tech is partnering with Wisconsin FFA and Skills USA to host roughly 10 groups of people coming from across Wisconsin. Career activity for youth.

Discussion on Monthly Educator Reports:

Georgson stated that horticulture programming is starting up (more questions) as the weather is warming up. Crops programming has focused on questions regarding the survivability of alfalfa stands. Our area is not greening up as quickly as we thought. Winter wheat is slow also; normal growth is not being experienced due to wetness.

Georgson shared that we are at an almost historically low level of hay. People are scrambling to find hay and prices are twice the cost of what they were. Dairy and Livestock programming questions have been around feed supplies, business viability and prices paid to farmers. Department activities have included dealing with email glitches in transferring to UW-Madison system and continuing to prepare for our civil rights review that is coming up in a few weeks.

Loyd reported that she has been hosting volunteer trainings to get everyone up to par with State requirements. She was able to attend a professional development meeting which was very good. Pictures on her written report are from Project Learning Day (large animal) that was attended by 45-55 youth and received very positive feedback. Loyd also attended the archery fair shoot; our shooting sports program is the largest 4-H project in the County.

Loyd is continuing to attend local 4-H club meetings. She is also producing a weekly 4-H Minute video to keep members current of 4-H happenings.

In May, Loyd will be attending a cohort training in Stevens Point. On Wednesday (April 10) is youth Government Day. Sunday (April 14) is sheep weigh in for Meat Animal Project. The Jefferson County Connections youth conference is Tuesday, April 29, the same day of our Civil Rights Day. Loyd's focus for April will be some significant work on a club in reorganizing the Club's leadership. Her main goal is to plan and execute the 4-H promotional booths for the Fair and Farm Technology Days.

Wen provided a brief update on mapping projects for non-profits that is being done by Steve Chmielewski, Community Educator.

Wen stated that Lisa Krolow, FoodWise, has been working with WIC in Jefferson County and has been providing some education for them.

Discussion and Possible Action on Future Meeting Schedule and Agenda Items:

Regularly scheduled meetings are held at the Extension, Jefferson County Office in Room 12 on the 2nd Monday of the month at 8:30 a.m. Next scheduled meetings are: May 13 and June 10, 2019.

Adjourn: Motion by Kelly, seconded by Herbst, to adjourn meeting at 9:10 a.m.

Signature of Secretary

Minutes completed by Kim Buchholz, Administrative Specialist